

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action issued August 12, 2009, claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Seidman et al., U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 2002/0174148 (“Seidman”) in view of Yu, U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 2002/0153409 (“Yu”).

Claims 1-15 are now pending in this application. No amendments have been made at this time.

The Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-15 are not unpatentable over Seidman in view of Yu because the combination of Seidman and Yu does not disclose or suggest the requirements of the claims.

Seidman discloses “a method for formatting international shipping addresses. The method includes receiving a parsed address from a system user and then looking up the parsed address in an index table. A corresponding address format is retrieved from the index table and then the parsed address is reformatted to comply with the retrieved address format. Additional embodiments include a system and storage medium for formatting international shipping addresses.” (*See Abstract*) “FIG. 2 depicts a sample address format from a standards organization” that includes a number of lines. “The address formats are stored on a storage device 108 connected to the host system 104.” (*See para. [0016]*) Fig. 3 depicts “a sample address index table” that “is stored on a storage device 108 that is connected to the host system 104.” (*See para. [0017]*) Seidman does not disclose or suggest at least that any of the of the formats or tables are “attribute data defining attributes of a data entry form having at least one data entry field”, “causing

the data entry form to be displayed on a display in accordance with the stored attribute data” or a data entry form “into which a user enters a value”. Indeed, Seidman does not disclose in any way displaying anything, and does not even include the word “display”. As a result, Seidman does not disclose or suggest, for example, a “computer-implemented system for controlling the appearance of a data entry form on a display to which the system is connected for use in entering data into a database, the system comprising a storage for storing attribute data defining attributes of a data entry form having at least one data entry field and, for the at least one data entry field, storing a plurality of data values and, for each of the plurality of stored data values, storing corresponding attribute data defining a different set of data entry fields for each of the plurality of data values; and a controller for causing the data entry form to be displayed on a display in accordance with the stored attribute data but not initially displaying a value and into which a user enters a value, and for monitoring data values entered by the user into said at least one data entry field, and, in response to entry by the user of a value into the at least one data entry field that matches one of the plurality of stored data values, displaying in said data entry form in addition to said at least one data entry field the set of data entry fields that corresponds to the value entered into the at least one data entry field according to the attribute data defining the set of data entry fields”, as required by claim 1.

Yu discloses an “international postal address validation system is described. The system defines a grammar for the encoding of all required address fields (within an address) for a given country, so that the system can determine whether all address fields required for a country are present for a given international postal address.” However, Yu

does not disclose or suggest disclose or suggest at least that any of the formats or tables are “attribute data defining attributes of a data entry form having at least one data entry field”, “causing the data entry form to be displayed on a display in accordance with the stored attribute data” or a data entry form “into which a user enters a value”. Indeed, although Yu discloses generally that computer systems are capable of displaying data, Yu does not disclose displaying anything particular, and does not disclose or suggest displaying the required elements of the claims. Further, at para. [0013], Yu discloses “[r]equired address fields (i.e., metadata describing address fields and data that must be present in all addresses for a country), for error checking.” This merely discloses data fields stored in a system (*See* para. [0012]) This does not disclose the requirement, of, for example, claim 1, for “monitoring data values entered by the user into said at least one data entry field” of a data entry form.” As a result, Yu does not disclose or suggest, for example, a “computer-implemented system for controlling the appearance of a data entry form on a display to which the system is connected for use in entering data into a database, the system comprising a storage for storing attribute data defining attributes of a data entry form having at least one data entry field and, for the at least one data entry field, storing a plurality of data values and, for each of the plurality of stored data values, storing corresponding attribute data defining a different set of data entry fields for each of the plurality of data values; and a controller for causing the data entry form to be displayed on a display in accordance with the stored attribute data but not initially displaying a value and into which a user enters a value, and for monitoring data values entered by the user into said at least one data entry field, and, in response to entry by the

user of a value into the at least one data entry field that matches one of the plurality of stored data values, displaying in said data entry form in addition to said at least one data entry field the set of data entry fields that corresponds to the value entered into the at least one data entry field according to the attribute data defining the set of data entry fields”, as required by claim 1.

Even if Seidman and Yu were combined as suggested by the Examiner, the resulting combination still would not disclose or suggest, for example, a “computer-implemented system for controlling the appearance of a data entry form on a display to which the system is connected for use in entering data into a database, the system comprising a storage for storing attribute data defining attributes of a data entry form having at least one data entry field and, for the at least one data entry field, storing a plurality of data values and, for each of the plurality of stored data values, storing corresponding attribute data defining a different set of data entry fields for each of the plurality of data values; and a controller for causing the data entry form to be displayed on a display in accordance with the stored attribute data but not initially displaying a value and into which a user enters a value, and for monitoring data values entered by the user into said at least one data entry field, and, in response to entry by the user of a value into the at least one data entry field that matches one of the plurality of stored data values, displaying in said data entry form in addition to said at least one data entry field the set of data entry fields that corresponds to the value entered into the at least one data entry field according to the attribute data defining the set of data entry fields”, as required by claim 1.

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Therefore, claim 1, and 3, which is similar to claim 1, and claims 2 and 4-15, which depend therefrom, are not unpatentable over Seidman in view of Yu.

Each of the claims now pending in this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of this case and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Additional Fees:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 50-4545 (5231-051-US01).

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, all of the Examiner's rejections to the claims are believed to be overcome. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for all the claims remaining in the application. Should the Examiner feel further communication would facilitate prosecution, he is urged to call the undersigned at the phone number provided below.

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